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President Anderson

President To Retire In 2006

By **STEPHANIE TAIT & KATIE TELLER**
News Editor & Editor in Chief

President Anderson is retiring. Last Friday, University of Mary Washington President William Anderson submitted a letter to the Board of Visitors announcing his intention to retire at the end of the 2005-06 school year. Shortly following President Anderson's

announcement, members of the community began speculating about his successor.

According to Ernie Ackermann, professor of computer science and former president of the faculty senate, members of the University community have been speculating about the possible candidacies of two prominent UMW administrators: Carter Hudgins, chair of the department of history and American studies, and Bernard Chirico, vice president of student affairs

and dean of students.

Neither official ruled out the possibility, though neither would confirm their interest.

"I am flattered to hear that campus rumor makes me a possible successor to President Anderson," Hudgins said. "Since the search for President Anderson's successor is not yet underway, however, 'rumored' is still the best place to file my

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Honor Code Will Face Open Forum

By **KEVIN BUTLER**
Staff Writer

Students will have to wait before voting on what honor violations will stay permanently on the academic transcript. The University of Mary Washington's Board of Visitors reached a decision at their meeting on Feb. 18 to allow for more debate on the controversial topic.

After a presentation by honor council president and senior Cris Clapp, the BOV voted to send four of five proposed amendments to the honor council for consideration.

These four changes are designed to make the constitution more straightforward and increase the level of faculty involvement in the honor council. Additionally, language in the honor constitution that is obsolete will be deleted and an educational component will be added to sanctions where appropriate.

According to chairwoman of the BOV's honor code sub-committee, Kim Luger, there was complete agreement between the BOV and the honor council on all four of these amendments.

Because there was not a consensus on the fifth proposal—the issue of what stays permanent on the transcript—the BOV decided to hold off on recommending it to the Honor Council for now.

"We want to form a campus-wide committee to provide a vehicle for open debate," said Mona Albertain, rector of the BOV. "I want a full debate. The full campus, all students, faculty, alumni... I just want a free and open debate."

In her presentation before the decision, Clapp said the honor council would be uncomfortable with voting on all five amendments at this time. She said some faculty members are upset over the proposal to take academic violations off of the transcript. She later said she believed there was no reason to rush the amendment process.

After Friday's board meeting Clapp said she felt better about the Board's decision.

"Our main goal has been that there has not been enough attention to this matter," she said.

Clapp mentioned a recent meeting with the

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No Plans For Childcare, Issue Tabled Until April

By **TOM ALLISON**
Staff Writer

Faculty, staff members and students hoping for an on-campus childcare center did not receive any good news on Friday afternoon.

The University's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Richard Hurley presented an interim report on the possibility of providing on-campus childcare during a Board of Visitor's meeting on Feb. 18.

The BOV tabled the proposition of building an on-campus childcare center until their April meeting.

"There are three main challenges in creating an on-campus childcare center," Hurley told the board. "Space for the center, exactly how much the cost will be, and what funds will cover that cost."

Hurley's report was based upon the findings of a survey conducted by the Faculty Affairs Subcommittee in the fall 2003. The study surveyed 258 UMW administrative staff, classified employees, and teaching faculty.

"Alvey [Hall] and Cornell House are just too small to provide space for 60 to 75 children," Hurley said.

"It's a highly regulated industry," said Board member Margaret Moncure. "Bathrooms, kitchens, these are obstacles we need to think about."

Some members discussed the advantages of an on-campus center.

Board member Marti Leighty said, "The faculty isn't looking for subsidized care. They're looking for convenience but also peace of mind that their child is safe and close by."

Leighty's comments were confirmed by the 2003

survey, where 60 percent of those University employees surveyed said they would pay full price for an on-campus center. Eighty-seven percent believed that the University should provide such a center. Not all of those surveyed have children in need of daytime care.

Lisa Rosenlee, a full-time professor of classics, philosophy and religion and mother at UMW, also disagreed.

"I don't see why the University needs to start the program with 75 kids," Rosenlee said Tuesday. "Alvey House is big enough for a smaller center. Seventy-five seems like too grand of a proposal."

Rosenlee's two year-old daughter was recently banned from campus after an anonymous complaint last November. She has since had to hire a baby sitter at her home for the child instead of hiring education students to baby-sit on campus.

Hurley said the fourth floor of George Washington Hall could be used as a childcare center, though at great expense.

He went on to explain that there are only two building sites on campus, one across from the Simpson library, which is reserved for academic use and the other next to Marshall Hall, which is reserved for residential use.

"Do we have at least have a consensus that this is an issue we want to pursue?" Leighty said.

"Of course it's an institution we'd like to have," Hurley said. "But we have to ask ourselves is this the most important issue on the table? Should this

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Senior Becca Sellers casts her vote in the SGA elections last week.

SGA Elections Contested, JRB To Rule In March

By **KATIE TELLER**
Editor in Chief

council (AAC) president, and Honor Council president.

Junior Jenny Duval contested sophomore Tessa Merna's election to ARH president, junior Paul Kozar contested junior Meghan Cudahy's election to AAC chair, and juniors Andrea McDaniel and Brant McQuitty separately contested junior B-J Huff's victory as the new Honor Council president.

McQuitty's, McDaniel's and Kozar's

Last year, when then-sophomore Frank Puleo won the position of Student Government Association president, his election was contested within 24 hours.

This year, Puleo, who is now a junior, won the presidency last week without contest.

However, four individuals have contested last Thursday's election results for three offices: association of residence halls (ARH) president, academic affairs

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5 Day Forecast



TODAY
Mostly Cloudy

High: 37
Low: 21



FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy

High: 44
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SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy

High: 46⁺
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SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy

High: 51
Low: 28



MONDAY
Showers

High: 46
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"[She's] a feminist activist, she'll probably be talking about feminism."

—Helen Housley, page 6



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According to Albertine, the BOV accepted Anderson's statement of intent with "decidedly conflicting emotions."

Anderson will retire June 30, 2006 after he completes the 23rd year of his presidency at the University of Mary Washington.

This leaves 16 months to find a new leader for the institution.

"We are united in our conviction that no decision we, as a Board, will ever make will be more significant than finding the right individual for this position," Albertine wrote in a letter distributed to all students via e-mail from President Anderson's office.

According to Albertine, she will chair a committee consisting of herself and two

fellow Board members, Marti Leighty and Nanalou Sauder, in selecting a firm to assist with the hiring process.

"The firm we choose will help us set up the procedures we need to go out looking for a new president and will guide the committee through all aspects of the search, from helping us identify the characteristics we are looking for, by recruiting candidates, by screening the candidates and by helping the committee set up the on-campus interviews," Albertine said.

Along with selecting a firm, Albertine plans to involve the Mary Washington community in the decision-making process.

"In due course I will be appointing a search committee that will solicit input from the broad University community—faculty, students, alumni, administrators and area citizens," Albertine said. "The ultimate objective, of course, will be to secure that person who is best qualified to lead the institution."

President Anderson's retirement will affect the University in many ways.

"The transition will give us a chance to look toward our future," Hudgins said. "The transition will be a time when fresh energy, fresh visions, and fresh aspirations will help all of us define more precisely the good things that all of us hope the university will embrace."

As plans for the hiring of a new President begin, President Anderson will leave a large void for the new presidential candidate to fill.

Anderson began his presidency in 1984 as one of the youngest presidents of a Virginia public institution for higher education.

During his tenure as president, the University's endowment has increased by \$24 million.

Most recently, Anderson oversaw the implementation of the move to university status, through reclassification by the Carnegie Institute, and the subsequent name change from "Mary Washington College" to "University of Mary Washington."

Anderson has overseen several other projects as well.

His presidency saw the creation of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies (formerly the James Monroe Center), Woodward Campus Center, the Simpson Library, the Phyllis Ridderhof Martin Gallery and the Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

An indoor tennis center is in the works and plans are being made for a bell tower and parking garage.

In 1996, Anderson suffered a life-threatening stroke. According to an interview with *The Bulletin* in August 2004, Anderson took a year off to recover.

"I was just blessed that I was able to return to the work that I love and continue to be productive and continue to lead the institution," Anderson said in August. "It's really just an opportunity to have a career like I've had. It's been a wonderful, wonderful experience."

UMW Alumni Giving Remains Stable

By STACY HORNE
Staff Writer

The third-quarter numbers for alumni giving at the University of Mary Washington presented at the November Board of Visitors meeting looked grim. The report showed alumni donations down more than 60 percent from the same period in 2003.

By the end of the fourth quarter, however, the numbers for the two years were almost identical.

According to Ron Singleton, senior vice president for advancement and university relations, the difference in the quarterly figures was not uncommon. Singleton explained that one large gift at any point during the year can make the amount of giving look vastly different from one quarter to the next.

"Our alumni are very loyal and we have one of the highest percentages of alumni giving of any public institution in the state," Singleton said.

Although Mary Washington doesn't have the same number of large endowments as institutions such as the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech, approximately 30 percent of Mary Washington alumni have donated money to the University, according to Singleton. Alumni gave more than \$13 million in 2004.

The third quarter report was the first presented since the controversial name change from Mary Washington College to the University of Mary Washington took effect on

July 1, 2004. Singleton said University officials made every effort to gauge any possible impact the name change might have to the number of alumni who give.

During the University's annual phonathon, Singleton said the school prepared letters to be sent out to anyone who stated they did not want to give because of the name change. Singleton said the fear turned out to be unfounded.

"Out of over 10,000 calls made, less than 100 indicated they would not give because of the change," he said.

What seemed to throw the numbers off during the third quarter of last year was the restructuring of gifts from one giving category to another, according to Singleton.

Carmen Culpeper Chappell, Mary Washington Class of 1959, had been a major financial supporter of the new Alumni Center located on Hanover Street.

Since her death last year, her husband, John Chappell, has continued donating to the center, but because he is not a graduate of Mary Washington, his large donation was moved from the alumni category to the friends category, which showed an increase of more than \$500,000 for the third quarter of last year.

By the end of the year, John Chappell's significant gift showed a banner year for total giving for 2004, according to Singleton. The grand total was up more than \$1 million over last year to nearly \$3 million.

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faculty advisers to the honor council.

According to Clapp, all the faculty advisers were upset about the proposal to remove academic violations off of the transcript after graduation because this is the first time they realized it was a possibility.

"The faculty encourage caution in changing the accountability in our honor system so drastically without the support of the student body, the ones who are responsible for administering the honor system," said Suzanne Sumner, professor of mathematics.

Sumner also said faculty advisers to the Honor Council are not supportive of the changes.

Albertine mentioned that part of her goal in increasing the scope of the debate is that it will also involve people beyond those involved with the honor council. In making the motion, Albertine stressed that she was doing this to increase the role of alumni as well as the faculty.

Albertine also emphasized that the Board was not seeking to diminish the power of the honor

council, saying that eight members of the BOV are alumni.

"Ultimately, the Board oversees everything and has contracted with the students for them to run the honor system," Albertine said. "Ultimately, it is the board who is in charge of all activities, and it was the board's choice to grant to the students the right to run their Honor Council. We have no intention of taking that back. But it's not a right, it is something the board has granted to the students."

Albertine said there was a pretty wide and broad difference of opinion about what notations go on permanent transcripts, what notations come off and when notations would come off.

She said such issues were why the board was not ready to move forward on the controversial issue.

"I'm not sure what the structure of the debate will be," she said. "I am going to ask the deans what vehicle will be needed."

Clapp likes the idea of open debate about the Honor Code.

"I think it will be an interesting discussion and I fully support Mona's decision to open this up for debate," she said.

Campus Childcare On Hold

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dominate our discussion?"

Labor organizations have argued that a clear connection exists between the gender gap in America and the lack of childcare on campuses and corporations.

According to the AFL-CIO, the average woman makes 78 percent that of the average man, while 27 percent of women quit their jobs indefinitely upon becoming pregnant.

"The major reason why women 'drop' out of the field is parenthood," Rosenlee said. "The demand of long working hours in the field makes it difficult for women to stay in the field and succeed."

The Center for American Progress, a non-partisan research and educational institute, also produced a study last year with similar findings. Helen Blank, an activist with the Center, advocates more assistance for working mothers.

"Single mothers who receive child care assistance are 40 percent more likely to remain employed after two years than those who do not receive help in paying for child care," Blank said.

Hurley suggested privatized off-campus childcare as a possible alternative, saying he would return with more research for the April meeting.

While the board will discuss childcare in the future, local area facilities are available for public use. Learn n' Play Inc., a locally owned

company that provides childcare and after school care service, has vacancies for all age groups. The facility is located out of town on U.S. Route 17.

"Right now we offer care for children from six weeks to fourteen years," said employee Jill Scott. "We don't currently have any contracts with any institutions, but we do provide a ten percent discount to Geico and Capital One employees."

Currently, The Kid's Station, a childcare center provided through the Medicorp Corporation, offers care to the public when space is available. The Kid's Station is currently full for infant care, but does have spots available for older toddlers.

Rosenlee disagrees with the privatization of a childcare center being an acceptable alternative.

"They really are two separate issues, privatization versus on-campus care," she said.

"There are so many advantages academically for students, but an on-campus center would also make work and family compatible, finally integrate the two on this campus."

With the issue being tabled until next April, there will be little action on the issue in the upcoming year.

"The administration has an idea of what they want to accomplish in the future, and childcare doesn't seem to be a real priority," Rosenlee said. "The University has been wrestling with this issue for a long time; do we have to wait another fifteen years before it becomes a priority?"



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Editorial Thumbs Up To Anderson

Maybe some people are happy to see President William M. Anderson announce his retirement.

Maybe they think he's out of touch with the student body.

Or maybe they think that his salary is simply too high.

In a letter to the editor in August 2004, a Mary Washington alumna suggested President Anderson be brought up on honor charges for what she described as being less-than-honest with the students about the name change.

But what people don't always realize are Anderson's accomplishments.

He's the one that lobbies the General Assembly for money for the school.

He's pushed through things that have improved the University: The Simpson Library, the Woodard Campus Center and the Jepson Alumni Executive Center have all emerged during Anderson's administration, and because of, one might argue, Anderson's persistence.

Anderson has approached the school as a CEO would approach his corporation.

Is this a bad thing?

Absolutely not.

Though a university is not a profit-maximizing firm, there's one thing that's absolutely essential to grease the proverbial wheel of education. That one thing is money.

Anderson has shown us the money. While it's very unfortunate for students that tuition continues to rise, Anderson has done everything possible to procure the funds.

Whether you want to admit it or not, the money has affected your daily life, from high-speed internet to the acquisition of the UMW Apartments to the hiring of new professors.

And the money--and Anderson's ability to get it--are things that the students should be thankful for.

IF YOU WERE
WONDERING WHY
YOUR INTERNET
WAS SLOW...

It's because Peepers
the tech monkey
made a mess of
things. We are
fixing the problem,
and we sent
Peepers to bed
without dessert.



Cartoon by Matt Czapiewski

The Need For Speed

By JEFF LONGO
Technology Columnist

You have started your research paper that's due tomorrow (by started, I mean looked at the requirements sheet), but you feel the pressure mounting. So, you go online, and you start Google searches. You arrive on Cloud Nine when you find streaming video that explains your topic in exquisite detail. Minutes tick by, and the blue status bar has only moved a fraction of an inch.

The above situation is probably similar to situations many students have had this semester while using the Internet in their rooms.

As one student mentioned in a letter to the

editor earlier this year, the immediate cause of this slowdown is because the school is employing a technology called "Packet Shaping." But Director of Infrastructure Services Joe Haynes is quick to point out that it is peer-to-peer (file sharing) programs like LimeWire/Gnutella, Kazaa and especially BitTorrent that are the root cause of the use of packet shaping, and not Banner, as the student

had suggested in his letter.

"Peer-to-peer (PTP) protocols like Gnutella and Kazaa and especially BitTorrent will use all of the bandwidth available to them," Haynes said. "Buying more bandwidth and increasing our internet connection speed will not solve the problem because these types of programs will consume the added bandwidth also."

"Packet shaping allows us to configure a maximum amount of bandwidth that can be consumed by such applications running over the network, thereby limiting the effect of increased demand on service to the community for mission-related applications and services."

"When a student can't connect to a service such as a game or PTP site, it is because other users have already filled up the bandwidth available to that particular application."

"I talk to other schools all of the time, and they are dealing with the same exact issues that we dealing with. Before the most recent adjustments to the system, students trying to access Eaglelink and Blackboard were complaining:....now...we are getting [complaints] from PTP downloaders and online gamers."

"Games have been affected because BitTorrent uses all of the available bandwidth

for the 'ports' that the games use. It's a delicate balance that we are trying to achieve. The system is constantly being tuned and we hope to strike a good balance soon. However, remember that according to our policy, educational uses such as Eaglelink, Blackboard, etc. get first priority."

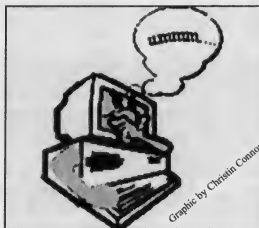
Additionally, Haynes added that just because users of PTP programs are behind the school's firewall that does not mean that copyright holders cannot track them down if they download copyrighted content (like most music)."

Companies and organizations like the RIAA, Sony [Records], and DMCA have approached us in the past with detailed information on who has illegally downloaded files. The department of information technology forwards the complaints to student affairs where appropriate action is taken," Haynes said.

UMW's own network and computer use policy states "users must not deliberately perform acts which are wasteful of computing resources or which unfairly monopolize resources to the exclusion of others," and also that "users must abide by the terms of all software licensing agreements and copyright laws."

While the use of PTP programs in of themselves is not against the policy, downloading copyrighted material and allowing BitTorrent to saturate the network is a violation of that policy. This policy can be found in its entirety at umw.edu/policies/network/use/default.php.

Jeff Longo is a senior.



Graphic by Christine Connor

Want Diversity At Mary Washington?

By ISAAC KNOWLES
Guest Columnist

Recently, the department of political science and international affairs held a panel discussion on President Bush's foreign policy challenges and prospects. While informative, this discussion was notable for what it did not include: any commentary related to Southeast Asia, Latin America or Africa.

Look at the department Web site; it is fascinating that our International Affairs Department has no specialized knowledge

about half the population of the world. This is an example of the incredible lack of consideration given at Mary Washington to the people of color who do not threaten to fly planes into American skyscrapers.

On this campus, I see and hear appalling examples of disrespect and ignorance almost daily. White professors feign to speak knowledgeably about what it means to be black; entire classes, devoid of any black students, denigrate mainstream black rap artists. It is distressing that in conversation, students make comments like "Who cares why your professor

gave you Martin Luther King, Jr. Day off?"

Those faculty and students who do attempt to compensate for the lack of diversity are forced to guess what minorities would think about the subject at hand.

I look out on the student body, and I see a plethora of mostly white, mostly middle class, mostly sheltered kids, who have no perspective on the world beyond their own delightfully freckled noses.

We have trouble making our campus diverse because the culture here is flagrantly racist.

When the administration realizes that Martin

Luther King, Jr. Day is not some random holiday, but rather a day that people should take off for reflection; when students realize that there is a world beyond this campus; when academic departments make it a point to hire qualified, knowledgeable faculty with diverse areas of expertise; and when everyone develops a more empathetic attitude towards others -- only then will we start to acquire the diversity to which so many of us pay lip service, but seem unwilling to facilitate.

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According to Albertine, the BOV accepted Anderson's statement of intent with "decidedly conflicting emotions."

Anderson will retire June 30, 2006 after he completes the 23rd year of his presidency at the University of Mary Washington.

This leaves 16 months to find a new leader for the institution.

"We are united in our conviction that no decision we, as a Board, will ever make will be more significant than finding the right individual for this position," Albertine wrote in a letter distributed to all students via e-mail from President Anderson's office.

According to Albertine, she will chair a committee consisting of herself and two

fellow Board members, Marti Leighty and Nanalou Sauder, in selecting a firm to assist with the hiring process.

"The firm we choose will help us set up the procedures we need to go out looking for a new president and will guide the committee through all aspects of the search, from helping us identify the characteristics we are looking for, by recruiting candidates, by screening the candidates and by helping the committee set up the on-campus interviews," Albertine said.

Along with selecting a firm, Albertine plans to involve the Mary Washington community in the decision-making process.

"In due course I will be appointing a search committee that will solicit input from the broad University community—faculty, students, alumni, administrators and area citizens," Albertine said. "The ultimate objective, of course, will be to secure that person who is best qualified to lead the institution."

President Anderson's retirement will affect the University in many ways.

"The transition will give us a chance to look toward our future," Hudgins said. "The transition will be a time when fresh energy, fresh visions, and fresh aspirations will help all of us define more precisely the good things that all of us hope the university will embrace."

As plans for the hiring of a new President begin, President Anderson will leave a large void for the new presidential candidate to fill.

Anderson began his presidency in 1984 as one of the youngest presidents of a Virginia public institution for higher education.

During his tenure as president, the University's endowment has increased by \$24 million.

Most recently, Anderson oversaw the implementation of the move to university status, through reclassification by the Carnegie Institute, and the subsequent name change from "Mary Washington College" to "University of Mary Washington."

Anderson has overseen several other projects as well.

His presidency saw the creation of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies (formerly the James Monroe Center), Woodward Campus Center, the Simpson Library, the Phyllis Ridderhof Martin Gallery and the Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

An indoor tennis center is in the works and plans are being made for a bell tower and parking garage.

In 1996, Anderson suffered a life-threatening stroke. According to an interview with *The Bulletin* in August 2004, Anderson took a year off to recover.

"I was just blessed that I was able to return to the work that I love and continue to be productive and continue to lead the institution," Anderson said in August. "It's really just an opportunity to have a career like I've had. It's been a wonderful, wonderful experience."

UMW Alumni Giving Remains Stable

By STACY HORNE
Staff Writer

The third-quarter numbers for alumni giving at the University of Mary Washington presented at the November Board of Visitors meeting looked grim. The report showed alumni donations down more than 60 percent from the same period in 2003.

By the end of the fourth quarter, however, the numbers for the two years were almost identical.

According to Ron Singleton, senior vice president for advancement and university relations, the difference in the quarterly figures was not uncommon. Singleton explained that one large gift at any point during the year can make the amount of giving look vastly different from one quarter to the next.

"Our alumni are very loyal and we have one of the highest percentages of alumni giving of any public institution in the state," Singleton said.

Although Mary Washington doesn't have the same number of large endowments as institutions such as the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech, approximately 30 percent of Mary Washington alumni have donated money to the University, according to Singleton. Alumni gave more than \$1.3 million in 2004.

The third quarter report was the first presented since the controversial name change from Mary Washington College to the University of Mary Washington took effect on

July 1, 2004. Singleton said University officials made every effort to gauge any possible impact the name change might have to the number of alumni who give.

During the University's annual phonathon, Singleton said the school prepared letters to be sent out to anyone who stated they did not want to give because of the name change. Singleton said the fear turned out to be unfounded.

"Out of over 10,000 calls made, less than 100 indicated they would not give because of the change," he said.

What seemed to throw the numbers off during the third quarter of last year was the restructuring of gifts from one giving category to another, according to Singleton.

Carmen Culpeper Chappell, Mary Washington Class of 1959, had been a major financial supporter of the new Alumni Center located on Hanover Street.

Since her death last year, her husband, John Chappell, has continued donating to the center, but because he is not a graduate of Mary Washington, his large donation was moved from the alumni category to the friends category, which showed an increase of more than \$500,000 for the third quarter of last year.

By the end of the year, John Chappell's significant gift showed a banner year for total giving for 2004, according to Singleton. The grand total was up more than \$1 million over last year to nearly \$3 million.

Honor Debate Continues

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faculty advisers to the honor council.

According to Clapp, all the faculty advisers were upset about the proposal to remove academic violations off of the transcript after graduation because this is the first time they realized it was a possibility.

"The faculty encourage caution in changing the accountability in our honor system so drastically without the support of the student body, the ones who are responsible for administering the honor system," said Suzanne Sumner, professor of mathematics.

Sumner also said faculty advisers to the Honor Council are not supportive of the changes.

Albertine mentioned that part of her goal in increasing the scope of the debate is that it will also involve people beyond those involved with the honor council. In making the motion, Albertine stressed that she was doing this to increase the role of alumni as well as the faculty.

Albertine also emphasized that the Board was not seeking to diminish the power of the honor

council, saying that eight members of the BOV are alumni.

"Ultimately, the Board oversees everything and has contracted with the students for them to run the honor system," Albertine said. "Ultimately, it is the board who is in charge of all activities, and it was the board's choice to grant to the students the right to run their Honor Council. We have no intention of taking that back. But it's not a right, it is something the board has granted to the students."

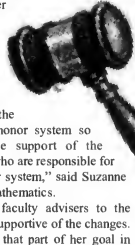
Albertine said there was a pretty wide and broad difference of opinion about what notations go on permanent transcripts, what notations come off and when notations would come off.

She said such issues were why the board was not ready to move forward on the controversial issue.

"I'm not sure what the structure of the debate will be," she said. "I am going to ask the deans what vehicle will be needed."

Clapp likes the idea of open debate about the Honor Code.

"I think it will be an interesting discussion and I fully support Mona's decision to open this up for debate," she said.



Campus Childcare On Hold

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dominate our discussion?"

Labor organizations have argued that a clear connection exists between the gender gap in America and the lack of childcare on campuses and corporations.

According to the AFL-CIO, the average woman makes 78 percent that of the average man, while 27 percent of women quit their jobs indefinitely upon becoming pregnant.

"The major reason why women 'drop' out of the field is parenthood," Rosenlee said. "The demand of long working hours in the field makes it difficult for women to stay in the field and succeed."

The Center for American Progress, a non-partisan research and educational institute, also produced a study last year with similar findings. Helen Blank, an activist with the Center, advocates more assistance for working mothers.

"Single mothers who receive child care assistance are 40 percent more likely to remain employed after two years than those who do not receive help in paying for child care," Blank said.

Hurley suggested privatized off-campus childcare as a possible alternative, saying he would return with more research for the April meeting.

While the board will discuss childcare in the future, local area facilities are available for public use.

Learn n' Play Inc., a locally owned

company that provides childcare and after school care service, has vacancies for all age groups. The facility is located out of town on U.S. Route 17.

"Right now we offer care for children from six weeks to fourteen years," said employee Jill Scott. "We don't currently have any contracts with any institutions, but we do provide a ten percent discount to Geico and Capital One employees."

Currently, The Kid's Station, a childcare center provided through the Medicare Corporation, offers care to the public when space is available. The Kid's Station is currently full for infant care, but does have spots available for older toddlers.

Rosenlee disagrees with the privatization of a childcare center being an acceptable alternative.

"They really are two separate issues. privatization versus on-campus care," she said.

"There are so many advantages academically for students, but an on-campus center would also make work and family compatible, finally integrate the two on this campus."

With the issue being tabled until next April, there will be little action on the issue in the upcoming year.

"The administration has an idea of what they want to accomplish in the future, and childcare doesn't seem to be a real priority," Rosenlee said. "The University has been wrestling with this issue for a long time; do we have to wait another fifteen years before it becomes a priority?"

“The major reason why women ‘drop’ out of the field is parenthood.”

—Lisa Rosenlee

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Editorial Thumbs Up To Anderson

Maybe some people are happy to see President William M. Anderson announce his retirement.

Maybe they think he's out of touch with the student body.

Or maybe they think that his salary is simply too high.

In a letter to the editor in August 2004, a Mary Washington alumna suggested President Anderson be brought up on honor charges for what she described as being less-than-honest with the students about the name change.

But what people don't always realize are Anderson's accomplishments.

He's the one that lobbies the General Assembly for money for the school.

He's pushed through things that have improved the University: The Simpson Library, the Woodard Campus Center and the Jepson Alumni Executive Center have all emerged during Anderson's administration, and because of, one might argue, Anderson's persistence.

Anderson has approached the school as a CEO would approach his corporation.

Is this a bad thing?

Absolutely not.

Though a university is not a profit-maximizing firm, there's one thing that's absolutely essential to grease the proverbial wheel of education. That one thing is money.

Anderson has shown us the money. While it's very unfortunate for students that tuition continues to rise, Anderson has done everything possible to procure the funds.

Whether you want to admit it or not, the money has affected your daily life, from high-speed internet to the acquisition of the UMW Apartments to the hiring of new professors.

And the money--and Anderson's ability to get it--are things that the students should be thankful for.

IF YOU WERE
WONDERING WHY
YOUR INTERNET
WAS SLOW...

It's because Peepers
the tech monkey
made a mess of
things. We are
fixing the problem,
and we sent
Peepers to bed
without dessert.



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The Need For Speed

By JEFF LONGO
Technology Columnist

You have started your research paper that's due tomorrow (by started, I mean looked at the requirements sheet), but you feel the pressure mounting. So, you go online, and you start Google searches. You arrive on Cloud Nine when you find streaming video that explains your topic in exquisite detail. Minutes tick by, and the blue status bar has only moved a fraction of an inch.

The above situation is probably similar to situations many students have had this semester while using the Internet in their rooms.

As one student mentioned in a letter to the

editor earlier this year, the immediate cause of this slowdown is because the school is employing a technology called "Packet Shaping."

But Director of Infrastructure Services Joe Haynes is quick to point out that it is peer-to-peer (file sharing) programs like Limewire/Gnutella, Kazaa, and especially BitTorrent that are the root cause of the use of packet shaping, and not Banner, as the student

had suggested in his letter. "Peer-to-peer (PTP) protocols like Gnutella and Kazaa and especially BitTorrent will use all of the bandwidth available to them," Haynes said. "Buying more bandwidth and increasing our internet connection speed will not solve the problem because these types of programs will consume the added bandwidth also."

"Packet shaping allows us to configure a maximum amount of bandwidth that can be consumed by such applications running over the network, thereby limiting the effect of increased demand on service to the community for mission-related applications and services."

"When a student can't connect to a service such as a game or PTP site, it is because other users have already filled up the bandwidth available to that particular application."

"I talk to other schools all of the time, and they are dealing with the same exact issues that we are dealing with. Before the most recent adjustments to the system, students trying to access Eaglelink and Blackboard were complaining: '...now...we are getting [complaints] from PTP downloaders and online gamers.'"

"Games have been affected because BitTorrent uses all of the available bandwidth

for the 'ports' that the games use. It's a delicate balance that we are trying to achieve. The system is constantly being tuned and we hope to strike a good balance soon. However, remember that according to our policy, educational uses such as Eaglelink, Blackboard, etc. get first priority."

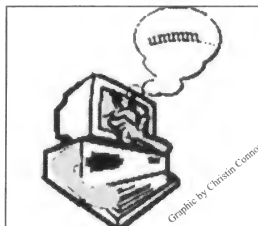
Additionally, Haynes added that just because users of PTP programs are behind the school's firewall that does not mean that copyright holders cannot track them down if they download copyrighted content (like most music)."

Companies and organizations like the RIAA, Sony [Records], and DMCA have approached us in the past with detailed information on who has illegally downloaded files. The department of information technology forwards the complaints to student affairs where appropriate action is taken," Haynes said.

UMW's own net policy states "users must not deliberately perform acts which are wasteful of computing resources or which unfairly monopolize resources to the exclusion of others," and also that "users must abide by the terms of all software licensing agreements and copyright laws."

While the use of PTP programs in of themselves is not against the policy, downloading copyrighted material and allowing BitTorrent to saturate the network is a violation of that policy. This policy can be found in its entirety at umw.edu/policies/network_use/default.php.

Jeff Longo is a senior.



Graphic by Christine Connor

Want Diversity At Mary Washington?

By ISAAC KNOWLES
Guest Columnist

Recently, the department of political science and international affairs held a panel discussion on President Bush's foreign policy challenges and prospects. While informative, this discussion was notable for what it did not include: any commentary related to Southeast Asia, Latin America or Africa.

Look at the department Web site; it is fascinating that our International Affairs Department has no specialized knowledge

about half the population of the world. This is an example of the incredible lack of consideration given at Mary Washington to the people of color who do not threaten to fly planes into American skyscrapers.

On this campus, I see and hear appalling examples of disrespect and ignorance almost daily. White professors feign to speak knowledgeably about what it means to be black; entire classes, devoid of any black students, denigrate mainstream black rap artists. It is distressing that in conversation, students make comments like "Who cares why your professor

gave you Martin Luther King, Jr. Day off?"

Those faculty and students who do attempt to compensate for the lack of diversity are forced to guess what minorities would think about the subject at hand.

I look out on the student body, and I see a plethora of mostly white, mostly middle class, mostly sheltered kids, who have no perspective on the world beyond their own delightfully freckled noses.

We have trouble making our campus diverse because the culture here is flagrantly racist.

When the administration realizes that Martin

Luther King, Jr. Day is not some random holiday, but rather a day that people should take off for reflection; when students realize that there is a world beyond this campus; when academic departments make it a point to hire qualified, knowledgeable faculty with diverse areas of expertise; and when everyone develops a more empathetic attitude towards others -- only then will we start to acquire the diversity to which so many of us pay lip service, but seem unwilling to facilitate.

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I can See clearly Now

By STEPHANIE TWINING
Features Editor

I can finally say I have something in common with Jessica Simpson. We both have 20/20 vision—laser corrected, of course.

Last Friday morning, I underwent Laser-Assisted In Situ Keratomileusis (LASIK) eye surgery. All my life I had suffered from myopia, or near-sightedness, which means that I couldn't see things that are far away.

My eyes were so bad, however, that without contacts I could barely make out my buddy list when my face was inches from the computer screen.

This past winter, my father decided he was going to officially offer LASIK eye surgery to me as a graduation gift. His only stipulation was that I go to the same optometrist that had operated on him. I scheduled an appointment for a consultation at the Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins University.

The first part of the consultation was a general eye exam. I explained to the nurse about my extreme fear of the eye doctor that stemmed from a bad experience I had when I first got contacts freshman year of high school. She promised no puffs of air or eyelid flipping and the exam was painless.

Without my glasses, I couldn't read the biggest letter on the chart. It just looked like a big black blur. I knew it was an E, but only because it's always an E. He told me my vision was around 20/800.

Following my eye exam, I had a meeting with Dr. Elliot Myrowitz, who explained the process of refractive surgery. After his 20-minute spiel including a plastic model of an eyeball and a long list of all the possible complications, Dr. Myrowitz started to give me a weird look.

I had started to feel a little lightheaded and soon the room was spinning.

He asked if I was getting nervous. I tried to act

cool, but it must have been obvious that I was not okay because he continued.

"You know, sometimes you can keep telling yourself that you're not nervous, but your body starts reacting and there's nothing you can do," he said.

My body was definitely reacting. I felt like I was going to throw up.

"We sometimes give patients some Valium if they think they need it to stay calm," he said. "Do you think you'll need it?"

"I think I need some right now," I said. By this point, my hands were shaking and my heart was pounding.

"Yeah, you look a little uneasy," he said. "Why don't you lay down before you faint?"

But it was too late. I laid down on the floor of one of the examining room and promptly passed out.

The day of my actual surgery came before I had a chance to get nervous. I met with one of the secretaries when I first arrived at the doctor's office at around 9:30 a.m. I signed my life away and then she handed me one final sheet of paper. To my horror it was a quiz. A true/false quiz about the LASIK procedure and risks.

Was she serious? Luckily she wasn't too strict and she let me get help from my dad. "Expect to be here for about three hours starting...now," she said, glancing up at the clock on the wall. And then the waiting began.

Once I had read every magazine they had in the office, I asked my dad to talk to me to keep my mind off the looming operation. All he did was repeat over and over how great and world-renowned our eye surgeon was.

I decided not to listen to my dad's fanatical raving about the doctor, but instead I picked up a pamphlet on common eye myths. Did you know that carrots don't really improve your eyesight?

At around 11:00 a.m., Dr. Myrowitz examined my eyes. Everything looked good, he said. Wild steam ahead. I must have given him a funny look—or maybe I was getting pale again—but he

offered me a dose of Valium. I quickly accepted.

Half an hour later, I met the legend himself, Dr. Terrence O'Brien. After some small talk, he sat down and looked at me very seriously.

"There's one thing you really need to focus on and that's your assignment," he said. "You have to stare at the red blinking light. It's the most important thing."

Great. I only had one assignment, but my whole future depended on it. If I hadn't been very nervous before, my little chat with Dr. O'Brien fixed that.

The Valium must have started to kick in around that time, because I don't remember much about the next few hours. I do remember sitting next to the door to operating room and seeing the patients before me with patches over their eyes. I don't think it's the best idea on the part of the

doctors to parade each patient in front of those waiting for their surgery.

Soon a nurse came over to take me into the operating room. Everything inside me was telling me to turn and run, but my body felt like lead and I allowed myself to be ushered into a reclining chair.

Jessica Simpson got a pink plush pig to hold during her procedure. I got two little red heart-shaped stress squeezey things.

The actual procedure is something I will never forget. The doctor told me to focus on the red blinking light and I stared at that light like my life depended on it. First, a numbing drop was placed in my eye and then Dr. O'Brien placed an instrument called a lid speculum over my eye to hold the lids open. Unfortunately, the drops didn't

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First Person



Courtesy Stephanie Twining

Senior Stephanie Twining (left) with her roommate, senior Jessica D'Alessandro. Twining underwent laser eye surgery last Friday.



Spring Students Head South For Break—All-Inclusive Party Weeks

By NIKI LARSON
Assistant Features Editor

By this time next week, senior Katie Delaney and 13 of her friends will be bound for an all-inclusive trip to Acapulco, Mexico, and they're taking bets on who will hook up with the most people.

Like Delaney, University of Mary Washington students can capitalize on the all-inclusive spring break packages offered to college students each year through travel agencies.

"I plan on tanning my days away on the beach with a margarita," Delaney said.

Delaney and her friends decided to book their trip through Studentcity.com—an agency that boasts parties with casts of "Real World," celebrity rappers and Maxim models—after her friend said he partied with the cast of "Real World" last year in Acapulco.

The \$1,200 per person covers: round-trip airfare, hotel, 25 hours of free drinks, two meals a day and wristbands to get into nightclubs.

"This is pretty good, considering that we would have spent as much on alcohol and finding a good time anywhere else for a week," Delaney said.

During their seven-day stay, Delaney hopes to enjoy scuba diving and beach parties during the day and plenty of dancing at night.

Every other year she has had to work during spring break, but this year she is letting loose.

"I think this is the last chance we will all have to do something like this before the real world swallows us up," Delaney said. "I agree money is important but I feel like memories are money well

spent."

But whoever will be the most tan or hook up with the most people, Delaney said at the very least they should have something to talk about when they get back to campus in March.

Senior Ally Lee also chose Studentcity.com when booking her trip to Nassau this year.

Three of Lee's closest friends will accompany her for what she calls a "last big hoorah."

"This is the last big trip as the four of us together," Lee said. "We're going to go down and relax, party, and have a good time."

Lee and her friends compromised that Nassau was the best deal for them. While her friends have never been to the Bahamas before, Lee has not gone since she was 9 years old, so it will be like a new experience for her.

And what an experience it will be. For \$1,350 a person, they will receive a seven-day, six-night stay in a five star hotel with a casino beneath it, a round-trip flight, transportation to and from the airport, two meals a day, health insurance and a party package.

The party package alone includes three mini cruises—two with an open bar and free snorkeling—and wristbands for a different club every night.

Since they booked their trip before Oct. 31, they will also get 20 hours of free beverages for the whole week.

"We might go to botanical gardens, coral reef diving, or a take ferry to another part of the island," Lee said. "All of it is discounted."

But while some are looking ahead to their upcoming spring

break trips, some are reminiscing on past experiences.

For his last year at UMW, Mike Newbold and seven of his friends headed down to Panama City last March.

He was not sober the entire time.

"I parted my ass off with my buddies the entire time, the entire time," Newbold said.

Aside from regular Burger King runs and the occasional naked romp in the ocean, Newbold said he and his friends bought kegs on the beach and handed out free cups to other beachgoers (mostly women).

But the booze didn't stop there.

At night, they used their "gold cards"—one of the perks of their trip—which granted them access to different nightclubs where they could drink free beer from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

In addition to trips to Acapulco, Nassau, and Panama City, Studentcity.com also offers trips to Cancun; Mazatlan, Mexico; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Cabo San Lucas; Jamaica; Barbados; Daytona Beach and South Beach.

Of course, the more people going on each trip, the less expensive it becomes for each person.

For two people, the least expensive trip Studentcity.com offers is to Panama City for \$389 a person. The most expensive trip for two people is to Jamaica: \$1,939 a person.

Depending on the location, trips booked before Oct. 31 guarantees spring breakers seven free breakfasts and dinners and 50 hours of free drinks—a value of about \$100.

Students can reserve a trip online, after which they have seven

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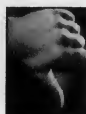
Thumbs Up... Thumbs Down...



To the women's basketball team advancing in the CAC tournament.



To pot holes. (Especially those on Rowe Street by the bus station.)



To spring break in February.



To the stray cats biting people on campus.

Send your own thumbs to bullet@umw.edu

Gonzaga Students "Think" Book Will Be A Success

By AMY MALONEY
Staff Writer

It's not every day that college students have the opportunity to have their opinions published in a nationally recognized book. Last year two Gonzaga University students made it possible.

In October Gonzaga University senior Dean Robbins, and 2004 graduate Robert Grabow published the first in a series of books that give a voice to the 17-to-25-year-old demographic.

"What We Think" is a non-partisan collection of college students' photographs, essays and poems about a variety of political topics, including "the war in Iraq, the morality of armed conflict, affirmative action, gender equality and the place of organized religion in the political arena," according to the entrepreneurs' Web site collegetreepublishing.com.

This year Robbins, Grabow and new member of the team, co-editor Seth Spores seek to publish two new volumes in the "What We Think" series: "What We Think II" and "What We Think About God."

According to collegetreepublishing.com, submissions for "What We Think II" are to include, but are not limited to: the war on terror, the war in Iraq, President Bush, the candidates for 2008, God in government, abortion, affirmative action, the environment, young voter apathy (is it real?), celebrity and politics.

Robbins, Grabow and Spores hope to receive over 10,000 submissions from American and international students about American politics and society, Grabow said in an e-mail interview.

"What We Think About God" is, as the title suggests, to discuss theological issues.

According to collegetreepublishing.com, suggested entry topics are (but are not limited to): "Does God exist? What is God? What gives your life meaning? What is the role of Religion? What is the net effect of religion? and Are there absolutes-what are they?"

Robbins came up with the idea for "What We Think About God" because he believes in the effects of theology.

"We wanted this to be the first book to allow [the 17-to-25-year-old demographic], in our own words, to write on this very important perspective," Grabow said.

Robbins came up with the idea for the series while lifting weights in the Gonzaga University weight room in late June of 2004.

They started the project just a few days later and began compiling their submissions in late July, Grabow said.

Robbins, a registered Republican, and Grabow, a registered Democrat compiled,

edited and published "What We Think" in less than six months.

The book became available for sale on Oct. 30, 2004 by Book Publishers Network, according to amazon.com.

In order to get submissions for the first of the series, Robbins and Grabow called every major newspaper in the country, the top 50 book reviewers, all major political clubs and organizations and various college political groups, according to Grabow.

While the college organizations were helpful in passing on information to their members, the newspapers and book reviewers were less helpful until Gonzaga University sent out a press release.

The press release quickly spread to newspapers around the country and media coverage snowballed, Grabow said.

In addition to being featured in newspapers across the country, "What We Think" was also discussed on CNN, MSNBC and various radio stations. It was also nominated for the prestigious Franklin Award for independent publishing.

Grabow, Robbins and Spores are currently in the process of contacting online blog sites and media relations departments across the country in order to increase submission entries for "What We Think II" and "What We Think About God."

"[Robbins and Grabow] realized that there were a lot of young potential voters with tremendous political savvy and knowledge without a forum to really express their opinions. Our goal is, and always has been, to create a non-partisan political voice for 17-to-25 year-olds—one that continues after and between elections," Grabow said.

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Now, six days later, my eyesight is almost perfect. I have to follow a regimen of prescription eye drops — some of which I can unfortunately taste in the back of my throat — but I'm forever free of contacts, glasses and having vision inferior to Jessica Simpson's.

Test Your Vision

Hold the paper 4 ft. away from your face. If you can see the letter clearly, your vision is better than 20/400.



Features



I can See clearly Now

By STEPHANIE TWINING
Features Editor

I can finally say I have something in common with Jessica Simpson. We both have 20/20 vision—laser corrected, of course.

Last Friday morning, I underwent Laser-Assisted In Situ Keratomileusis (LASIK) eye surgery. All my life I had suffered from myopia, or near-sightedness, which means that I couldn't see things that are far away.

My eyes were so bad, however, that without contacts I could barely make out my buddy list when my face was inches from the computer screen.

This past winter, my father decided he was going to officially offer LASIK eye surgery to me as a graduation gift. His only stipulation was that I go to the same optometrist that had operated on him. I scheduled an appointment for a consultation at the Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins University.

The first part of the consultation was a general eye exam. I explained to the nurse about my extreme fear of the eye doctor that stemmed from a bad experience I had when I first got contacts freshman year of high school. She promised no puffs of air or eyelid flipping and the exam was painless.

Without my glasses, I couldn't read the biggest letter on the chart. It just looked like a big black blur. I knew it was an E, but only because it's always an E. He told me my vision was around 20/800.

Following my eye exam, I had a meeting with Dr. Elliot Myrowitz, who explained the process of refractive surgery. After his 20-minute spiel including a plastic model of an eyeball and a long list of all the possible complications, Dr. Myrowitz started to give me a weird look.

I had started to feel a little lightheaded and soon the room was spinning.

He asked if I was getting nervous. I tried to act

cool, but it must have been obvious that I was not okay because he continued.

"You know, sometimes you can keep telling yourself that you're not nervous, but your body starts reacting and there's nothing you can do," he said.

My body was definitely reacting. I felt like I was going to throw up.

"We sometimes give patients some Valium if they think they need it to stay calm," he said. "Do you think you'll need it?"

"I think I need some right now," I said. By this point, my hands were shaking and my heart was pounding.

"Yeah, you look a little uneasy," he said. "Why don't you lay down before you faint?"

But it was too late. I laid down on the floor of one of the examining rooms and promptly passed out.

The day of my actual surgery came before I had

a chance to get nervous. I met with one of the secretaries when I first arrived at the doctor's office at around 9:30 a.m. I signed my life away and then she handed me one final sheet of paper. To my horror it was a quiz. A true/false quiz about the LASIK procedure and risks.

Was she serious? Luckily she wasn't too strict and she let me get help from my dad. "Expect to be here for about three hours starting...now," she said, glancing up at the clock on the wall. And then the waiting began.

Once I had read every magazine they had in the office, I asked my dad to talk to me to keep my mind off the looming operation. All he did was repeat over and over how great and world-renowned our eye surgeon was.

I decided not to listen to my dad's fanatical raving about the doctor, but instead I picked up a pamphlet on common eye myths. Did you know that carrots don't really improve your eyesight?

At around 11:00 a.m., Dr. Myrowitz examined my eyes. Everything looked good, he said. Full steam ahead. I must have given him a funny look—or maybe I was getting pale again—but he

offered me a dose of Valium. I quickly accepted.

Half an hour later, I met the legend himself, Dr. Terrence O'Brien. After some small talk, he sat down and looked at me very seriously.

"There's one thing you really need to focus on and that's your assignment," he said. "You have to stare at the red blinking light. It's the most important thing."

Great. I only had one assignment, but my whole future depended on it. If I hadn't been very nervous before, my little chat with Dr. O'Brien fixed that.

The Valium must have started to kick in around that time, because I don't remember much about the next few hours. I do remember sitting next to the door to operating room and seeing the patients before me with patches over their eyes. I don't think it's the best idea on the part of the

doctors to parade each patient in front of those waiting for their surgery.

Soon a nurse came over to take me into the operating room. Everything inside me was telling me to turn and run, but my body felt like lead and I allowed myself to be ushered into a reclining chair.

Jessica Simpson got a pink plush pig to hold during her procedure. I got two little red heart-shaped stress squeezey things.

The actual procedure is something I will never forget. The doctor told me to focus on the red blinking light and I stared at that light like my life depended on it. First, a numbing drop was placed in my eye and then Dr. O'Brien placed an instrument called a lid speculum over my eye to hold the lids open. Unfortunately, the drops didn't

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First Person



Courtesy Stephanie Twining

Senior Stephanie Twining (left) with her roommate, senior Jessica D'Alessandro. Twining underwent laser eye surgery last Friday.



Spring Break Students Head South For All-Inclusive Party Weeks

By NIKI LARSON
Assistant Features Editor

By this time next week, senior Katie Delaney and 13 of her friends will be bound for an all-inclusive trip to Acapulco, Mexico, and they're taking bets on who will hook up with the most people.

Like Delaney, University of Mary Washington students can capitalize on the all-inclusive spring break packages offered to college students each year through travel agencies.

"I plan on tanning my days away on the beach with a margarita," Delaney said.

Delaney and her friends decided to book their trip through Studentcity.com—an agency that boasts parties with casts of "Real World," celebrity rappers and Maxim models—after her friend said he partied with the cast of "Real World" last year in Acapulco.

The \$1,200 per person covers: round-trip airfare, hotel, 25 hours of free drinks, two meals a day and wristbands to get into nightclubs.

"This is pretty good, considering that we would have spent as much on alcohol and finding a good time anywhere else for a week," Delaney said.

During their seven-day stay, Delaney hopes to enjoy scuba diving and beach parties during the day and plenty of dancing at night.

Every other year she has had to work during spring break, but this year she is letting loose.

"I think this is the last chance we will all have to do something like this before the real world swallows us up," Delaney said. "I agree money is important but I feel like memories are money well

spent."

But whoever will be the most tan or hook up with the most people, Delaney said at the very least they should have something to talk about when they get back to campus in March.

Senior Ally Lee also chose Studentcity.com when booking her trip to Nassau this year.

Three of Lee's closest friends will accompany her for what she calls a "last big hoorah."

"This is the last big trip as the four of us together," Lee said. "We're going to go down and relax, party, and have a good time."

Lee and her friends compromised that Nassau was the best deal for them. While her friends have never been to the Bahamas before, Lee has not gone since she was 9 years old, so it will be like a new experience for her.

And what an experience it will be.

For \$1350 a person, they will receive a seven-day, six-night stay in a five star hotel with a casino beneath it, a round-trip flight, transportation to and from the airport, two meals a day, health insurance and a party package.

The party package alone includes three mini cruises—two with an open bar and free snorkeling—and wristbands for a different club every night.

Since they booked their trip before Oct. 31, they will also get 20 hours of free beverages for the whole week.

"We might go to botanical gardens, coral reef diving, or a take ferry to another part of the island," Lee said. "All of it is discounted."

But while some are looking ahead to their upcoming spring

break trips, some are reminiscing on past experiences.

For his last year at UMW, Mike Newbold and seven of his friends headed down to Panama City last March.

He was not sober the entire time.

"I parted my ass off with my buddies the entire time, the entire time," Newbold said.

Aside from regular Burger King runs and the occasional naked romp in the ocean, Newbold said he and his friends bought kegs on the beach and handed out free cups to other beachgoers (mostly women).

But the booze didn't stop there.

At night, they used their "gold cards"—one of the perks of their trip—which granted them access to different nightclubs where they could drink free beer from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Of course, the more people going on each trip, the less expensive it becomes for each person.

For two people, the least expensive trip Studentcity.com offers is to Panama City for \$389 a person. The most expensive trip for two people is to Jamaica: \$1939 a person.

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Students can reserve a trip online, after which they have seven

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Thumbs Up... Thumbs Down...



To the women's basketball team advancing in the CAC tournament.



To pot holes. (Especially those on Rowe Street by the bus station.)



To spring break in February.



To the stray cats biting people on campus.

Send your own thumbs to bullet@umw.edu

Gonzaga Students "Think" Book Will Be A Success

By AMY MALONEY
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It's not every day that college students have the opportunity to have their opinions published in a nationally recognized book. Last year two Gonzaga University students made it possible.

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Robbins came up with the idea for the series while lifting weights in the Gonzaga University weight room in late June of 2004.

They started the project just a few days later and began compiling their submissions in late July, Grabow said.

Robbins, a registered Republican, and Grabow, a registered Democrat compiled,

edited and published "What We Think" in less than six months.

The book became available for sale on Oct. 30, 2004 by Book Publishers Network, according to amazon.com.

In order to get submissions for the first of the series, Robbins and Grabow called every major newspaper in the country, the top 50 book reviewers, all major political clubs and organizations and various college political groups, according to Grabow.

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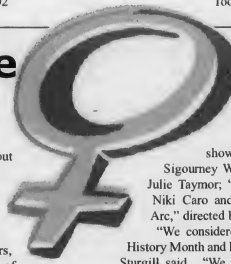
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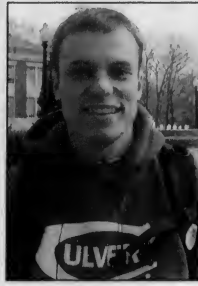
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Others like freshman Cara Schulz are simply going home.

"I'm going home to Colorado," Schulz said. "I'm visiting friends at the University of Northern Colorado and The University of Colorado at Boulder. Other than that I'm just spending time

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Some are embracing the wintry nature of the break.

"I'm going home to spend time with my family," freshman Karen Pegnato said. "I'm going to go skiing one of those days. We're going to go to Ski Liberty [ski resort] and I'm probably going to take my sister and my boyfriend."

Freshman Laura Boyette is already anticipating the next baseball season.

"I am going to Florida to see the Red Sox training," Boyette said. "My roommate loves the Red Sox and she was already going. We're staying with her aunt, so we only have to pay for gas!"

Boyette said she is looking forward to the warm weather and not studying.

Senior Kim Woods is headed to Florida as well.

"A friend of mine lives there so I'm visiting her--it was the cheapest break I could arrange," Woods said. "I'm looking forward to the beach and warm weather!"

Boyette is not the only one watching sports during the break.

"I'm going to Boston with my girlfriend to hang out with her family," junior Colin Jones said. "Then we're going to see some UConn basketball."

Instead of watching, sophomore Amy Peterik will be playing a sport.

"I'm staying here and playing softball," she said. "We have games on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Then I think my parents are coming down the weekend after. Hopefully I'll get to go shopping and get real food."

Some students, such as junior Jon Bush, only have plans for part of break.

"I'm heading up to New York City for half of the break," Bush said. "Then I'm coming back to hang out with my girlfriend."

Sophomore Taylor Martin is also breaking up her time away from school.

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Radus, a singer-songwriter from Bethlehem, Penn., will be performing solo at the Fredericksburg Songwriters Showcase at Picker's Supply on Friday, Feb. 25. The monthly showcase features original acoustic music.

Radus, 25, has been playing professionally for five years, and has been solo for about two

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Radus describes his solo sound as a singer-songwriter style, but not as folk based as many singer-songwriters.

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Picker's concert hall is above the store, and the entrance is through the back alley behind the store off George Street. The suggested donation is \$10.

Radus's concert schedule, CDs, and some samples of his music are available on his Web site, alexradus.com

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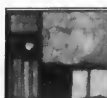
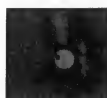
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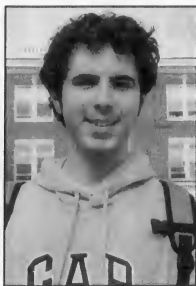
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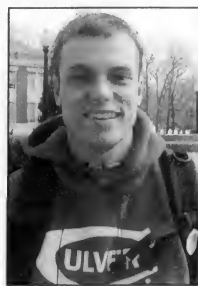
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For most students, getting as far from the University of Mary Washington is the name of the game this spring break. Some, like freshman Davina Fournier, are avoiding the fact that the break sits happily in winter by going out west.

"I'm going to Arizona and we're possibly

going to take a day trip to Nevada," Fournier said. "My mother, my father, and I all have birthdays in February, so we're kind of celebrating by going somewhere."

Others like freshman Cara Schulz are simply going home.

"I'm going home to Colorado," Schulz said. "I'm visiting friends at the University of Northern Colorado and The University of Colorado at Boulder. Other than that I'm just spending time

with family and going home because it's my dad's birthday."

Some are embracing the wintry nature of the break.

"I'm going home to spend time with my family," freshman Karen Pegnato said. "I'm going to go skiing one of those days. We're going to go to Ski Liberty (ski resort) and I'm probably going to take my sister and my boyfriend."

Freshman Laura Boyette is already anticipating the next baseball season.

"I am going to Florida to see the Red Sox training," Boyette said. "My roommate loves the Red Sox and she was already going. We're staying with her aunt, so we only have to pay for gas!"

Boyette said she is looking forward to the warm weather and not studying.

Senior Kim Woods is headed to Florida as well.

"A friend of mine lives there so I'm visiting her—it was the cheapest break I could arrange," Woods said. "I'm looking forward to the beach and warm weather!"

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"I'm going to Boston with my girlfriend to hang out with her family," junior Colin Jones said. "Then we're going to see some U. Conn. basketball."

Instead of watching, sophomore Amy Peterik will be playing a sport.

"I'm staying here and playing softball," she said. "We have games on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Then I think my parents are coming down the weekend after. Hopefully I'll get to go shopping and get real food."

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Sophomore Taylor Martin is also breaking up her time away from school.

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Alex Radus was at a Bob Schneider show in New York when he had an epiphany. Schneider was playing with a full band and the audience was dancing and having fun. Radus wanted his own career to look like that.

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Radus, a singer-songwriter from Bethlehem, Penn., will be performing solo at the Fredericksburg Songwriters Showcase at Picker's Supply on Friday, Feb. 25. The monthly showcase features original acoustic music.

Radus, 25, has been playing professionally for five years, and has been solo for about two

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"We both played the guitar, sang, and did a lot of harmonies," Radus said.

Radus describes his solo sound as a singer-songwriter style, but not as folk based as many singer-songwriters. "It's more blues-funk-jazz based, with careful attention to lyrics," he said. "I like to structure it intentionally."

His new demo, "Madeline," an acoustic ballad available on his Web site, illustrates Radus's skills on the guitar. Radus described his song "Disorganized Religion" in a Feb. 7 interview on WDIY-FM's Acoustic Eclectic in Allentown, Penn., as "a spiritual," saying that he often finds his spirituality in science. This song demonstrates more of the funk and jazz beats in his music.

Picker's Supply hosts the Songwriters Showcase on the last Friday of each month, and has done so since 1992. According to their website, it was started by manager Peter Mealy, and is directed and MC'd by Bob Gramann, a songwriter himself. The showcase books original acoustic artists from across the country, and even around the world. This Friday's

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Picker's concert hall is above the store, and the entrance is through the back alley behind the store off George Street. The suggested donation is \$10.

Radus's concert schedule, CDs, and some samples of his music are available on his Web site, alexradus.com.

Radus said that one of his favorite things about performing is the interaction with his audience. "When I was young and watching movies, and going to concerts, and going to Broadway shows, I always felt it in my gut," Radus said. "It was a very intense experience for me to see a performance, so I decided pretty young that it was something I wanted to do and something I wanted to try to invoke in others."

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According to Hurley the landscaping already present around the sight will remain, because it is an important part of the design.

As the meeting

continued, Connor said, "Because we are dealing with the Commonwealth and some very particulars in terms of the procurement process, whether it's the design build program or the design bid program. The process, if we follow per the script, is we go through the scoring process with the

heaviest weight of the evaluation, not on design, not on aesthetics, but on cost."

The school is required to follow specific guidelines while picking the design proposal but it must also remain within the allotted amount of money, which is \$5.2 million.

"My next step is to find out from state officials what my options are, given my concerns about the look of some of the designs. If we are going forward we should decide Friday," Hurley said.

If the project does not move forward Hurley said, "One of the options I know I have is to go back to all four design teams and tell them we want them to change

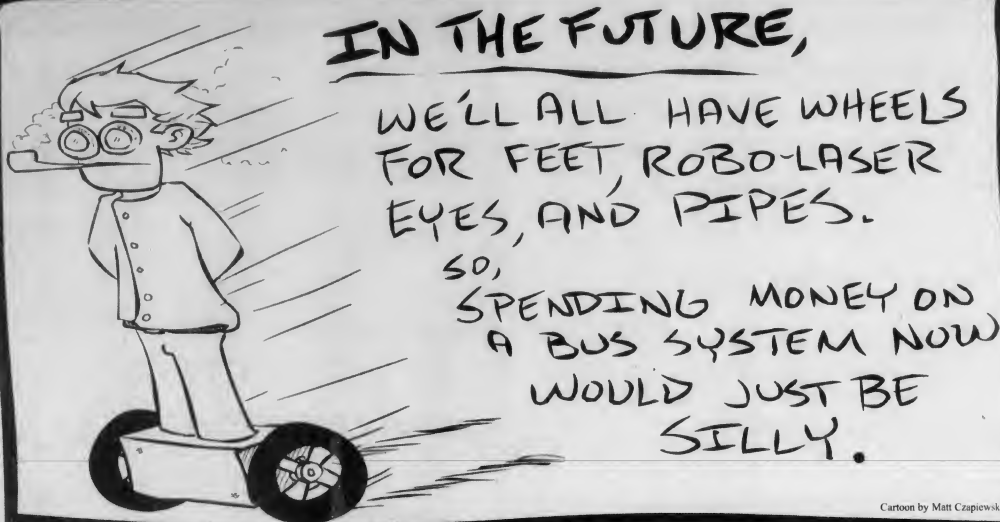
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If Hurley does decide to take this option the teams will have another six weeks to re-submit parking deck design proposals.

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Viewpoints



Cartoon by Matt Czapiewski

Rides Wanted

BY SARAH TOWNE
Guest Columnist

Being a freshman at Mary Washington is one of the most frustrating experiences I have ever had because of the lack of transportation available. I realize that the University of Mary Washington has no say over the Fredericksburg bus system, but since freshmen are not allowed to have cars on campus and some upperclassmen cannot afford such a luxury, the

Fred is the main mode of transportation to all those important places in a college student's life — Verizon, restaurants, and most importantly Wal-Mart.

It is so vital to our mental and physical health to get off campus, and it is almost impossible to do unless you know someone with a car or you want to walk downtown for the eight thousandth time. I recently received an American Express gift card, which no cash register on campus will take. Since I don't have any cash, the only place I can spend this money on things that I need like markers, pens, paper, binders, film and groceries is in Central Park. Yet for the past three consecutive days, I have waited faithfully for an hour for the red flashing Central Park bus that never came.

My proposal is this: Why can't the University of Mary Washington set up a shuttle system like so many other colleges have done that has reliable, not even frequent, hours?

A little van could run from here to Central Park twice a day—say at 12 p.m. and 4 p.m., and pick students up at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.—the point being that there would be established times. If the schedule was dependable, I would not mind paying \$1 each way, and more students would be likely to use this system, which would easily cover gas and maintenance costs. This could even provide jobs for students who are licensed to drive vans.

Who knows, maybe one day we could even set up a system with shuttles to Washington, D.C. on the Fridays of vacations so that students who live out of state wouldn't have to

pay exorbitant amounts just to get to the first of many destinations. I live in Maine and getting home is such a hassle. I don't think that reliable transportation is an extravagant demand by any means. Students have a justified right to stand up for such accommodations.

I have seen the frustration of so many using the Fred System, and it has gotten absolutely ridiculous. Not only do the buses not run on time, but Fred Central has no clue what is going on. Each time I have called them this week, they told me to wait—it would come at 15 past the hour. I waited for two 15 past the hours for each of the last three days, and nothing. It is time for Mary Washington to step in and aid carless students!

Sarah Towne is a freshman.

Letter To The Admin

By STEPHANIE VAN HOOK
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I am writing in regards to the recent decision on your behalf concerning Vivian Rosenlee's presence on the University of Mary Washington's beautiful campus. There are several issues that bother me about this decision, as well as a very simple solution to these problems.

First of all, the timing of this decision reflects extremely poorly on the administration of the university. Was it not just last year, in 2004, that the administration was reflecting upon changing the name of the University to something more gender neutral, that is to say, patriarchal?

Please do not get me wrong, as I hold the utmost respect for the University, it's just that I find it a bit odd that there is a consistent disregard towards the word and the overall meaning of the word "mother" and I wonder if perhaps there is something about motherhood

that scares the administration?

Why is it that the University does not empower its faculty members to remain both a parent and a college professor? Mary Washington, as I remember it, is not the Virginia Military Institute nor is it the Catholic Church for that matter. It is a state run institution based upon the instruction of the liberal arts. Is the nation's voted "most homogeneous campus" suggesting an archaic and traditional underlying value that a mother should stay at home if she wants to see her child? Or is it rather that a child has no place on a college, I mean, University campus?

In the words of The Little Prince: "All grown-ups were once children, but only a few of them remember it." Thus, extending the analogy to this situation—even colleges must "grow up" one day.

I hardly find Vivian's presence a nuisance, a distraction, or anything negative for that matter. Quite the contrary—she has more friends than your average undergraduate. She has the opportunity to listen to Nietzsche, Sartre, Plato and Thoreau, even though "Good-night Moon" was always a special favorite of mine. She also has the opportunity to listen to foreign languages at this very pivotal and determining moment of her life. Equally so, Vivian is a

symbol, reminding us of the need to take care of one another, to listen to one another, to hold hands and go on walks, and most importantly—to give hugs to Mrs. Toomey.

What would the University of Mary Washington be without its children? Probably very sad and extremely poor of spirit. Take little Julia Romero, for example, daughter of Dr. Joe Romero of the Department of Classics. She knows how to sing in German. She recites poetry by heart. She can draw amazingly realistic looking pictures of all of the professors, all while telling you why she thinks that cheerleading is negative—in her words, "It's okay but why can't the girls play sports?"

The point is that the University should spend more time respecting its professors whose enriched life experiences, including family, actually make the difference in the lives of the students, rendering the college years a unique and memorable moment in time. In fact, the University of Mary Washington should feel quite honored that anyone, including and especially children, would even choose this institution as a place for growth and an educational experience.

In the words of recently suspected Al-Qaeda terrorist, Cat Stevens, or maybe it was John Lennon, "There are no problems, son, only

solutions." Why can the administration not piece together a means for on-campus daycare for its faculty? In fact, I would be happy and most excited, as well as many others who share my opinion on this matter, to help in any way possible to make sure that this positive and progressive change is executed.

Nevertheless, I find it quite disappointing to acknowledge the fact that there is a program to take care of inebriated undergraduates but nowhere for Vivian to play. Then again, this makes sense, because, in all honesty, where would the University be without the tuition of freshman #128, who was lucky enough to get housing? Furthermore, as it was so tactfully reminded to my graduating class at my commencement ceremony—where would the University be without the money generously given by the alumni?

Please do mark my words—the University of Mary Washington will not receive one single dime from this alumni nor her family until it can in reality match its so-called intended values of integrity with actions.

As for the strong, little Vivian right now, really, why would she even want to be at a place that hurt her feelings, anyway?

Stephanie Van Hook graduated in 2004.

How Many Licks Does It Take?

By ERIN LEACH-KEMON
Staff Writer

Bounding into the room with a ridiculous grin on his face, a good friend of mine announced his recent discovery: chocolate and flavored vaginas.

Referencing *The Buller*, he indulged in the details of a promotional lollipop sale in the campus center to raise money for women's protection organizations.

Struggling between the contradictions surfacing from his last comment, I stood aside as my other male friends began discussing the

delicious visual this purchase would serve them. Repulsed by the girlish squeals of 18-year-old males as they reveled in this God-sent creation, I retired to my room to check my own sources.

Scrolling through *The Buller's* promotional article regarding the University's dramatization of *The Vagina Monologues* and its message of anti-violence against women, I was forced to acknowledge the validity of my friend's statements: An organization on campus would be selling flavored lollipops in the shape of a vagina.

Certainly, this innovative bonbon is appropriate, for all proceeds go to charities promoting non-violence against women...not quite. This female liberation movement maintains a critical error.

Alongside the promotion of the fundraiser is

the University's imminent production of *The Vagina Monologues*.

Supposedly furthering the message of the play's author, Eve Ensler, are these anatomically inspired treats. Recalling my preconceived notions of this production, I failed to comprehend how a symbol of my sexuality being freely offered to men on a stick related to the universal empowerment of women.

After reading through biographies of Ensler, excerpts from *The Vagina Monologues*, and interviews with the author, I understood her mission.

Years ago, Ensler began to discuss and write about the hesitation and often refusal within cultures worldwide to acknowledge this female organ verbally.

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"I like the columns," Hurley said.

"The brick in it more closely matches Goolrick Hall."

We love these towers, the area, the security aspect of it, because you can see through it."

According to Hurley, the landscaping already present around the sight will remain, because it is an important part of the design.

As the meeting continued, Connor said, "Because we are dealing with the Commonwealth and some very particulars in terms of the procurement process, whether it's the design bid program or the design bid program."

The process, if we follow per the script, is we go through the scoring process with the

heaviest weight of the evaluation, not on design, not on aesthetics, but on cost."

The school is required to follow specific guidelines while picking the design proposal but it must also remain within the allotted amount of money, which is \$5.2 million.

"My next step is to find out from state officials what my options are, given my concerns about the look of some of the designs. If we are going forward we should decide Friday," Hurley said.

If the project does not move forward Hurley said, "One of the options I know I have is to go back to all four design teams and tell them we want them to change

their designs to look more like the campus. And then if we do that they get to re-submit cost proposals."

If Hurley does decide to take this option the teams will have another six weeks to re-submit parking deck design proposals.

“We are attempting to accelerate the whole design, bid, build process for the construction of the parking deck.”

—Rick Hurley

Viewpoints



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Cartoon by Matt Czapiewski

Rides Wanted

BY SARAH TOWNE
Guest Columnist

Being a freshman at Mary Washington is one of the most frustrating experiences I have ever had because of the lack of transportation available. I realize that the University of Mary Washington has no say over the Fredericksburg bus system, but since freshmen are not allowed to have cars on campus and some upperclassmen cannot afford such a luxury, the

Fred is the main mode of transportation to all those important places in a college student's life—Verizon, restaurants, and most importantly Wal-Mart.

It is so vital to our mental and physical health to get off campus, and it is almost impossible to do unless you know someone with a car or you want to walk downtown for the eight thousandth time.

I recently received an American Express gift card, which no cash register on campus will take. Since I don't have any cash, the only place I can spend this money on things that I need like markers, pens, paper, binders, film and groceries is in Central Park. Yet for the past three consecutive days, I have waited faithfully for an hour for the red flashing Central Park bus that never came.

My proposal is this: Why can't the University of Mary Washington set up a shuttle system like so many other colleges have done that has reliable, not even frequent, hours?

A little van could run from here to Central Park twice a day—say at 12 p.m. and 4 p.m., and pick students up at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.—the point being that there would be established times. If the schedule was dependable, I would not mind paying \$1 each way, and more students would be likely to use this system, which would easily cover gas and maintenance costs. This could even provide jobs for students who are licensed to drive vans.

Who knows, maybe one day we could even set up a system with shuttles to Washington, D.C. on the Fridays of vacations so that students who live out of state wouldn't have to

pay exorbitant amounts just to get to the first of many destinations. I live in Maine and getting home is such a hassle. I don't think that reliable transportation is an extravagant demand by any means. Students have a justified right to stand up for such accommodations.

I have seen the frustration of so many using the Fred System, and it has gotten absolutely ridiculous. Not only do the busses not run on time, but Fred Central has no clue what is going on. Each time I have called them this week, they told me to wait—it would come at 15 past the hour. I waited for two 15 past the hours for each of the last three days, and nothing. It is time for Mary Washington to step in and aid careless students!

Sarah Towne is a freshman.

Letter To The Admin

By STEPHANIE VAN HOOK
Guest Columnist

I am writing in regards to the recent decision on your behalf concerning Vivian Rosencle's presence on the University of Mary Washington's beautiful campus. There are several issues that bother me about this decision, as well as a very simple solution to these problems.

First of all, the timing of this decision reflects extremely poorly on the administration of the university. Was it not just last year, in 2004, that the administration was reflecting on changing the name of the University to something more gender neutral, that is to say, patriarchal?

Please do not get me wrong, as I hold the utmost respect for the University, it's just that I find it a bit odd that there is a consistent disregard towards the word and the overall meaning of the word "mother" and I wonder if perhaps there is something about motherhood

that scares the administration?

Why is it that the University does not empower its faculty members to remain both a parent and a college professor? Mary Washington, as I remember it, is not the Virginia Military Institute nor is it the Catholic Church for that matter. It is a state run institution based upon the instruction of the liberal arts. Is the nation's voted "most homogeneous campus" suggesting an archaic and traditional underlying value that a mother should stay at home if she wants to see her child? Or is it rather that a child has no place on a college, Lincoln University campus?

In the words of *The Little Prince*: "All grown-ups were once children, but only a few of them remember it." Thus, extending the analogy to this situation—even colleges must "grow up" one day.

I hardly find Vivian's presence a nuisance, a distraction, or anything negative for that matter. Quite the contrary—she has more friends than your average undergraduate. She has the opportunity to listen to Nietzsche, Sartre, Plato and Thoreau, even though "Good-night Moon" was always a special favorite of mine. She also has the opportunity to listen to foreign languages at this very pivotal and determining moment of her life. Equally so, Vivian is a

symbol, reminding us of the need to take care of one another, to listen to one another, to hold hands and go on walks, and most importantly—to give hugs to Mrs. Toomey.

What would the University of Mary Washington be without its children? Probably very sad and extremely poor of spirit. Take little Julia Romero, for example, daughter of Dr. Joe Romero of the Department of Classics. She knows how to sing in German. She recites poetry by heart. She can draw amazingly realistic looking pictures of all of the professors, all while telling you why she thinks that cheerleading is negative—in her words, "It's okay but why can't the girls play sports?"

The point is that the University should spend more time respecting its professors whose enriched life experiences, including family, actually make the difference in the lives of the students, rendering the college years a unique and memorable moment in time. In fact, the University of Mary Washington should feel quite honored that anyone, including and especially children, would even chose this institution as a place for growth and an educational experience.

In the words of recently suspected Al-Qaeda terrorist, Cat Stevens, or maybe it was John Lennon, "There are no problems, son, only

solutions." Why can the administration not piece together a means for on-campus daycare for its faculty? In fact, I would be happy and most excited, as well as many others who share my opinion on this matter, to help in any way possible to make sure that this positive and progressive change is executed.

Nevertheless, I find it quite disappointing to acknowledge the fact that there is a program to take care of inebriated undergraduates but nowhere for Vivian to play. Then again, this makes sense, because, in all honesty, where would the University be without the tuition of freshman #128, who was lucky enough to get housing? Furthermore, as it was so tactfully reminded to my graduating class at my commencement ceremony—where would the University be without the money generously given by the alumni?

Please do mark my words—the University of Mary Washington will not receive one single dime from this alumna nor her family until it can in reality match its so-called intended values of integrity with actions.

As for the strong, little Vivian right now, really, why would she even want to be at a place that hurt her feelings, anyway?

Stephanie Van Hook graduated in 2004.

How Many Licks Does It Take?

By ERIN LEACH-KEMON
Staff Writer

Bounding into the room with a ridiculous grin on his face, a good friend of mine announced his recent discovery: chocolate and flavored vaginas.

Referencing *The Bullet*, he indulged in the details of a promotional lollipop sale in the campus center to raise money for women's protection organizations.

Struggling between the contradictions surfacing from his last comment, I stood aside as my other male friends began discussing the

delicious visual this purchase would serve them. Repulsed by the girlish squeals of 18-year-old males as they reveled in this God-sent creation, I retired to my room to check my own sources.

Scrolling through *The Bullet's* promotional article regarding the University's dramatization of *The Vagina Monologues* and its message of anti-violence against women, I was forced to acknowledge the validity of my friend's statements: An organization on campus would be selling flavored lollipops in the shape of a vagina.

Certainly, this innovative bonbon is appropriate, for all proceeds go to charities promoting non-violence against women...not quite. This female liberation movement maintains a critical error.

Alongside the promotion of the fundraiser is

the University's imminent production of *The Vagina Monologues*.

Supposedly furthering the message of the play's author, Eve Ensler, are these anatomically inspired treats. Recalling my preconceived notions of this production, I failed to comprehend how a symbol of my sexuality being freely offered to men on a stick related to the universal empowerment of women.

After reading through biographies of Ensler, excerpts from *The Vagina Monologues*, and interviews with the author, I understood her mission.

Years ago, Ensler began to discuss and write about the hesitation and often refusal within cultures worldwide to acknowledge this female organ verbally.

Recognizing sexuality's correlation with female empowerment, Ensler began the gradual

shift from the oppression of women's sexuality in a patriarchal society to one of liberation of female sexuality universally through her writings. Of course, her movement's predominant symbol has been the vagina.

Describing society as a "male-driven, male-filtered, male-based system," I hardly believe Ensler intended for her name to be attached to the distribution of vagina lollipops on a college campus where hormone-driven college men could walk carelessly along sucking the sugar-coated organ for which she has devoted her life to promoting the liberation.

Perhaps, the fundraisers' motives centered on shock value. Regardless of the rationale, the message conveyed by these milk chocolate vaginas did not leave a good taste in my mouth.

Erin Leach-Kemon is a freshman.

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fountain drink

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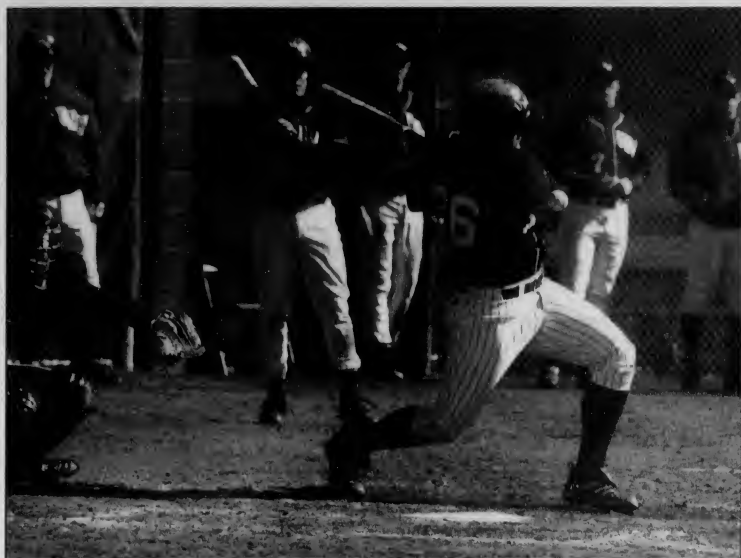
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Submissions will be judged by a panel of faculty. Awards will be presented in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery at 5:30 p.m. Mon., Mar. 28th

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Junior Brandon Cole takes a swing during Saturday's game against Messiah College. The Eagles split a doubleheader for the second straight weekend to start the season.

Eagles Split Two Again

By STEPHANIE POTTER
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington baseball team split its second doubleheader of the young season on Saturday against visiting Messiah College. The Eagles emerged victorious by a single run, 2-1, in the first game, but slipped up in game two, falling 6-0.

Messiah set the tone in game one when sophomore Chris Heisey hit a homerun in the bottom of the fourth inning, to give the Falcons a 1-0 lead. The Eagles responded by scoring two runs in the fifth inning. Sophomore Mike O'Donnell hit an RBI double to put UMW ahead 2-1. Junior Kevin Foeman pitched a complete game, giving up three hits and striking out seven to improve to 2-0 on the season.

In game two, the Falcons scored a single run in the second inning and another in the fourth. The Eagles offense was not able to answer and Messiah scored its final four runs in the seventh inning.

Sophomore Mike O'Donnell led the Eagles offensively, collecting two hits in each game, as well as one walk and an RBI in game one. Chase Townsend, Ray Moore, and Lee Rubin each had one hit in game one, and Rubin, Tom McDermott, and Alex Rossi had one hit each in game two. The Eagles record stands at 2-2.

UMW has a full slate over spring break, with doubleheaders against Keystone and Gettysburg College and a game against Frostburg State. All games will be played at Dickinson Stadium.

Men Fall To Marymount In Quarterfinals

By LAUREN BOSTON
Assistant Sports Editor

The image of notorious Texas Tech University basketball coach Bobby Knight came to mind during the University of Mary Washington men's basketball game against sixth-seed Marymount University on Tuesday in the Capital Athletic Conference quarterfinals. Trailing 28-16 late in the first half, head coach Rod Wood called a timeout and fumed as his players came over to the sidelines.

"Not one time have you done it right," he yelled before throwing his clipboard to the ground in exasperation.

It may not have been a chair, but it still got the point across. The UMW players took heed and managed to pull back into the game and their season ultimately came down to the final possession.

With 18 seconds left, the Eagles were down 58-57 and they had the ball in sophomore Mike Lee's hands. The shot clock ran down as he penetrated into the paint for the final shot. Lee's shot fell short and a sea of post players fought for possession before freshman Jon Pierce got a hand on the ball and attempted to tip it in. The ball bounced off the rim as the buzzer went off and the crowd fell silent as the Eagles' postseason hopes were dashed.

"[For the last possession] we figured they were going to come at me and we were expecting our post players to duck in when the shot went up," Lee said. "We wanted them to rebound the ball, put it up, and get fouled, but it didn't go as planned. Things happen."

However, no one would have guessed the Eagles would have been in it at all in the final seconds based on their performance at the start of the game. Marymount came out with a smothering defense, as the Eagles struggled to get the ball to their post players. UMW's hustle and effort could not make up for a first half characterized by errant passes, turnovers, and missed shots, and the Saints were able to take advantage and build an early lead.

The Eagles' first basket did not come until almost five minutes into the game, and they would trail for the entire first half. With just less than 10 minutes left in the first half, Marymount had its biggest lead of the night, 19-6, and things were not looking good for UMW.

"They did a good job of forcing us to do some things we're not good at," Wood said.

Things began to turn around late in the first half and the Eagles clawed their way back into the game. Lee connected from behind the arc for the final shot and helped the Eagles end the half on an

11-2 run, and they went into the locker room trailing 30-25.

The Eagles began the second half strong, as freshman Justin Baker made a three point play off a foul to bring UMW within two, 30-28. With stronger attacks at the hoop and fewer turnovers, the Eagles finally started playing their game. They took their first lead of the game, 33-32, with just more than 16 minutes left, and the two teams were neck-and-neck for the remainder of the game.

Lee was the high scorer of the game for the Eagles, with 16 points and five assists. Sophomore Josh Wilson finished with 14 points, six rebounds, and six blocks, and freshman Justin Baker added 13 points.

Despite the loss, Wood was proud of his team's performance.

"In the second half, the guys played as if this might be the last game and that's what I've been looking for the entire year," he said. "Both teams couldn't have played any harder. After the game, I've got a kid throwing up in the locker room, I've got muscle spasms. They've given you every ounce of energy they had and you can't ask for any more than that as a coach."

The Eagles end their season with a record of 17-9, and they accomplished a lot along the way, according to Wood.

"This is the first time in school history that they've had back-to-back-to-back winning years," he said. "It's the third-best winning percentage in school history, just behind our last two years. It's one thing to do it once in awhile, but it's another to establish over a long period of time that you're successful year in and year out."

The Eagles are already looking ahead to next year, and are eager



Peter Kelley/Bullet

Sophomore Josh Wilson fights for position against Marymount senior Ed Carrai.

to prove themselves once again.

"We were really young this year and 17-9 is not a bad record for starting three sophomores and two freshman," Pierce said. "If we work in the off-season we'll be real successful next year."

Wood agreed.

"I hope the hurt doesn't subside and people say, 'If we worked as hard as we could individually and collectively for a year, we could really reap some big rewards.'"

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Sports

Swimmers Sweep CACs



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Freshman Brendan Hagerty dives into action during a relay race in Capital Athletic Conference championship action on Friday night.

By DAVE BUSCHENFELDT
Sports Editor

The University of Mary Washington is on top of the Capital Athletic Conference swimming world—again. Both the men's and women's swim teams captured CAC championships over the weekend at Goolrick natatorium.

Winning conference championships is nothing new for either team, as the women have won 15 consecutive titles and the men have captured four in a row and 11 out of the last 15.

Both teams jumped out to early leads

during Friday's races and they were not challenged from then on. The women came in first place with 687 points, 307 points ahead of second-place Catholic by a score of 642-343.

The Eagles dominated all of the races over the weekend. The men took first place in 13 of the 18 events and the women took first in 12 out of 18.

The Eagles also received some individual honors to go along with their team glory. Sophomore Dale Parker was named the CAC Men's Swimmer of the Year. Freshman Lorena de la Garza was named the CAC Women's Rookie of the Year.

Final Team Results

| Men | | Women | |
|------------|-----|------------|-----|
| UMW | 642 | UMW | 687 |
| Catholic | 343 | Catholic | 380 |
| Marymount | 308 | Goucher | 244 |
| York | 260 | St. Mary's | 184 |
| Salisbury | 159 | Marymount | 181 |
| Goucher | 140 | Salisbury | 143 |
| St. Mary's | 106 | York | 117 |
| Gallaudet | 71 | Gallaudet | 93 |

Hoop Women Advance To Semifinals

By LYNNE COREY
Staff Writer

For the second time in four days and the third time this season, the University of Mary Washington women's basketball team defeated York College of Pennsylvania on Tuesday night. With the 67-54 win, the Eagles advance to the semifinals of the Capital Athletic Conference tournament. The victory gave UMW 20 wins in a season for just the fourth time in school history. At the beginning of the game, however, it did not seem as if the Eagles' road to the semifinals would be an easy one.

UMW started out slow and York held the lead for the majority of the first half. Sophomore Debbie Bruen knew that it would not be an easy game.

"We had just played York on Saturday, so it was fresh in our mind," she said. "We knew that they were going to put out a good fight for us."

Senior Laura Hanks felt that it was the team's mentality in the first half that caused the sluggish start.

"York's a good team, but we've also beaten them twice," she said. "We were seeded third and we were supposed to win, so we shouldn't have thought that way."

With less than a minute left on the clock, Lisa Tracy sunk a basket to put the Eagles ahead by one point. Hanks was then fouled at the buzzer and she made one free throw to give UMW a 26-24 lead at halftime.

"At halftime, coach was just like, 'Let's go show them how we play. Let's go take care of the game,'" Bruen said. "We were all like, 'Yeah, we don't want to lose,' and we got really pumped

up."

York regained the lead early in the second half, but with 17:34 on the clock the Eagles went back on top and would not trail again.

Head coach Deena Applebury thought the difference in the second half was the team's pressure defense.

"Our press was amazing tonight," she said. "Our traps were much more aggressive than what they have been in certain situations. Our press players really started picking it up and being aggressive on the back end of the press. Usually it's been the front end that has been getting the job done."

Tough defense definitely helped the Eagles turn things around after halftime, but so did an improved shooting percentage. UMW shot just 31 percent from the field in the first half, but in the second half, the Eagles hit 53.8 percent of

their field goal attempts. They also hit 12 of 14 free throw attempts after the break.

Applebury was pleased that the win was such a team effort.

"All the kids played well," she said. "Most of the kids had a fair amount of minutes. They just kept coming off the bench and kept producing and playing hard. It's nice to be able to get a victory like that and use a majority of the team in the process of doing that."

The Eagles (20-6) will travel to Catholic University tonight for their semifinal match up. The Eagles and Cardinals split their two meetings this season, with each team winning on the road.

"I'm definitely looking forward to Catholic because I know we are going to come out super pumped up because they beat us last time," Hanks said. "We are ready to get revenge on that."

Upcoming Events

Mar. 6 - Baseball vs. SUNY New Paltz, 12 p.m.
Mar. 8 - Softball vs. Christopher Newport, 2:30 p.m.
Mar. 9 - Softball vs. Gallaudet, 2:30 p.m.
Baseball vs. St. Mary's, 3 p.m.
Mar. 12 - Men's Tennis vs. Piedmont, 9 a.m.
Softball vs. Mary Baldwin, 1 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. Virginia Wesleyan, 1 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse vs. Dickinson, 2 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Methodist, 2 p.m.

Athletes of the Week

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